



APPENDIX A**Hardin Study****Prisoners' Civil Rights Cases Closed 7/1/87 0- 6/30/88
Eastern District of Michigan**

The study data-base included all prisoners' civil rights cases closed in the Eastern District of Michigan during fiscal year 1987-1988. A request to the Administrative Office of the Federal Courts, in Washington, D.C., for that data-base produced a 79 page list of 585 files with the identifying code number 550 (prisoners' civil rights). The computer run included cases handled by the following judges:

Detroit		Flint/Bay City	
Surheinrich	45	Harvey	3
Cook	41	Newblatt	47
Demascio	46	Sub-total	50
Duggan	57		
Feikens	22		
Freeman	19		
Gilmore	54	Ann Arbor	
Hackett	35	Joiner	1
LaPlata	5	LaPlata	42
Pratt	17	Sub-total	43
Surheinrich	39		
Taylor	28		
Woods	46		
Zatkoff	33	Other	
Unidentified	2	Churchill	3
Sub-total	489	Sub-total	3

Total Cases in Data-base = 585

From the master list of 585 files, the date-base was reduced to a manageable number (147 files) by taking every fourth case to ensure random selection. However, the Flint/Bay City cases and the Ann Arbor cases have not been surveyed as of this

time, reducing the number of files by 24. In addition, at least 12 files were shells, the contents having been transferred to other districts within the state, to courts out of the state, to the Sixth Circuit on appeal, or to other files for consolidation. Recording and coding errors such as incorrect file numbers or non-prisoners' cases further reduced the survey sampling to 108 files.

The research was conducted by second and third-year law students on January 6 and 7, 1989. Researchers read every complaint and reviewed each file to record as much information as possible. (The form questionnaires used in the study are available from petitioner's counsel upon request). The information was then compiled by petitioner's counsel. A more detailed report of the survey results may be issued when all of the data are compiled.

